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polymer (I). Therefore, the Examiner's requirement concerning the election of a single polymer (I) is not deemed tenable.

Claims 1-14, 18-21, 24 and 30-32 read on the elected species.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Burton A. Amernick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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